second Reading. In this Answer, I apprehend the Lower House are most injuriously treated; and the Purpose of the present Address to the Public, is to vindicate their Conduct from the many gross and groundless Calumnies, which so plentifully abound in this matchless Performance, But as if the Gentlemen had not entirely discharged their Spleen, by this Message, against the Lower House, they have assumed a new Mode of attacking them, by an Address to the Governor, the pretended Purpose of which was, to apprize him of what had passed between the two Houses upon the Subject of the Supply Bill; though the real Intention was to make, to the many Accusations contained in their Message, some sew Additions, which had escaped their happy Talents for Narrative and Invention in their other Performance. I believe very few Bentlemen in that House will deny, that the Governor was as fully informed of every Circumstance, relative to the Proceedings between the two Houses, as any of their Honours; the Harmony and amicable Correspondence (for which good Reasons will appear in the Sequel) between him and them, being too notorious to admit of any other Supposition; so that the End of this Address was to exhibit a new Kind of Management in conveying their Calumnies against the Lower House, for their Adroitness in which, backed by proper Representations, I presume some of their Honours expect to be duly distinguished fomewhere.

There is another Circumstance of great Disingenuity in this Address, and that is, the Lower